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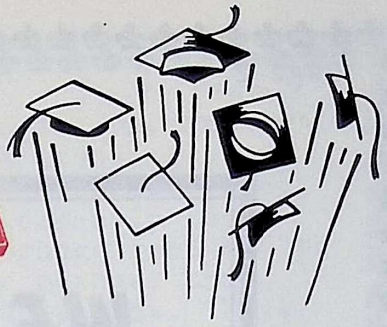


FREEDOM AT LAST

JOHN GLENN ELEMENTARY

MEMORIES 84-85

WE REMEMBER:

BRAD BUCK

BRENT SNYDER

First graders in Mrs. Stokes' class have been studying about how they learn and grow. They found how they can help themselves, grow through good health habits, and the changes that take place as they grow. Ways which others help them were also discussed, such as family, friends, and teachers. Health ideas about different feelings, ways people are special and ways to be a friend were emphasized. Growing, learning, exercise, and parts of their body were studied. Health words were also highlighted to become a part of their vocabulary.

Clothing from their early years showed them how much growing has taken place.

Hand tracing of themselves, mothers, and fathers were compared to demonstrate growth.

Mrs. Christensen's Second Grade

Mrs. Christensen's second grade has enjoyed studying about life in Africa. Each child made a clay model of an African animal and a drawing of an African animal or bird. After reading that the African people weave their own baskets and hats we tried weaving placemats. Mrs. Labovitch visited our room and told us about her family's experiences when they lived in Africa. She showed us slides and many things she brought back from Africa.

In Math we discovered the magic and speed of multiplication.

We enjoyed Ecology Day—especially Ms. Pope from Niabi Zoo and her friends, Rocky the Lion Cub, Bo the Opossum, and Hawkeye the Tarantula.

Amber Pewe attended the Writer's Conference from our room. Her book was I Can Make My Dad Happy. She liked the group session of Dr. Seuss and the Oobleck and Bartholomew best of all.

On May 30th we will be going on our field trip to Davenport Central Fire Station and then to Scott County Park to meet our penpals from Garfield School. We have written to our penpals all year and now we will eat lunch, play, and get acquainted with them. It will be a good way to end our school year.

Mrs. Porth's Second Grade

Mrs. Labovitch recently brought film strips and African hand made baskets and trinkets when she came to talk to the second graders about her experiences when she lived in Botswana. She and Louis carried on a conversation in Sitswana. Both Mr. & Mrs. Labovitch lived in Africa where he taught farming skills and she was a nurse. We enjoyed your visit Mrs. Labovitch.

Second graders are Bloomin' Good Spellers. Everytime they write a perfect spelling test, they add a flower to their own personal bouquet.

As the school year draws to a close the second graders are using the writing skills they have learned during the year to write and illustrate their very own books.

May brings Mothers' Day. Here's one second grader's tribute to his favorite Mom:

My Ma

My Mom is too nice to be true.
She lets me do ALMOST anything.
My Mom makes me supper
every night.
And reads me a story almost
every night.
And she kisses me every night.
My Mom takes good care of me.
I love my Mom just as much
as she loves me.
Someday I will grow up and
do something special for her.

By Louis

Snow Foolin'

Mrs. Speth's first grade want to feed their feathered friends.

So much snow on the ground has made it difficult for the birds to find food. Looking at our friend Marc Brown's Book - Your First Garden Book gave us the idea for a "High-Rise restaurant" using a half-gallon milk carton, a stick about 12 inches long for perching, knife or scissors, strong string, and birdseed.

Birds help keep unwanted insects out of your garden, so be good to them.

Third Grade Class News

Third graders have had a full and challenging year. New students were: Kim Moore, Wendy Morgan, Eric Trettin, Tina Agan, Mike Moore, Taneel Bostrom, Tony Nipper, Holly Thompson, Amy Byrd, and Rachel Ganzer. It didn't take long to become acquainted with our school and other 3rd graders.

We had brand new reading books this year and have progressed quite well through them.

This year we were introduced to cursive writing. This is always exciting and a real challenge for us. Most have mastered all the letters quite well. Others will be practicing this summer.

Going from class to class was fun but very confusing for the first couple of weeks.

We learned a lot of different things about our English language and have worked especially hard using our capitalization and punctuation rules.

We also wrote penpal letters to other students throughout the U.S. We had about 70% of the letters answered. Some of us were a little disappointed but we gained a lot of new friends.

Social Studies took us all over the world to different comunities. It was fun learning about how other people lived. We also did research papers during the year using encyclopedias. These were very interesting. We found out how to use encyclopedias and other reference books.

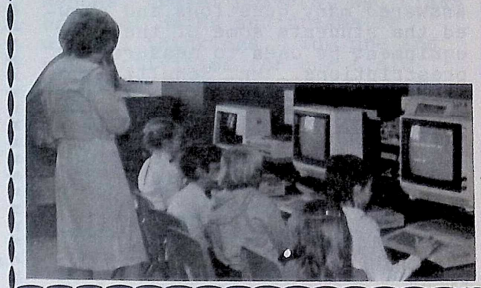
Perhaps, one of the most exciting things we did was work on computers. We never forgot our computer day. We learned all the parts, how to run programs, some logo, and even wrote our own program and saved it on a disk. That was fun!

We sent students to Young Writers' Day and Childrens' Literature Festival. We were also represented with three students on Student Council.

In spelling, we worked toward a treat after three stars. Lots of treats were earned by all throughout the year.

We also had a behavior chart that we filled for a special activity or treat of some kind. We had to be good to fill that chart!

Several books were read to us during this year. It was a hard job to choose the one we liked the best. The 3 Blue chose "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" as their favorite. 3 Gold chose "Where the Red Fern Grows" as their favorite.



Fourth Grade Field Trips

The fourth graders went on a field trip on April 19. First we went to the Capital Theater in Davenport, where we saw The Wizard of Oz, put on by Marycrest College. The players did an excellent job and it was fun to watch. The theater was neat, too. We were finally able to see first hand paintings done on ceilings.

After the play we ate lunch on the Arsenal picnic grounds. Then we went to the Lock and Dam 15 Visitors' Center. There we saw a slide presentation and then a guide told us about the Mississippi and how the locks work. She also answered some questions we asked.

We really had a great time.

Kelli Hammes
Jennifer Noel

3rd Grade Health

Mrs. Schirman's third grade health students recently completed a unit of study about "Drugs and You Health". The students learned that any drug used improperly can be harmful to your body. They also learned about the effects of alcohol, tobacco, and caffeine on the body.

During this time, Mr. John Schultz, pharmacist and owner of the Eldridge Pharmacy, came to school to speak to students during their health class. He answered many questions and showed the students some of the equipment he uses to measure prescriptions. Mr. Schultz also invited any students to come and see him at work, where he will show you what it looks like behind the counter where he gives out prescriptions. Third grader Sara Tranel did this while in the pharmacy with her family. Sara said the best part was "watching him fill the prescription".

The students also studied how advertising for O.T.C (over-the-counter) medicines, alcohol, and tobacco can mislead people, making them believe that their product is the best to use.

Fifth Grade Class News

The fifth grade has done a lot of writing this year. Their writing folders have lots of starts and finishes and some great final copies. They've learned to do a lot of research using encyclopedias, almanacs and other nonfiction books. Just recently, they each chose a theme between the Revolutionary War and Civil War and each made a poster which included well planned pictures and captions. Earlier all the fifth graders gave "How to do it" reports; they spoke 3-5 minutes as they demonstrated how to do something--with no notes. The fifth graders have been working really hard on listening skills through a series of tapes and classroom activities. They've just finished up weighing sediment strained out of the Wapsipinicon River water from Ecology Day. This year's Iowa notebooks were really great. A lot of work went into them.

Fifth graders learned how to put information into a data base by doing research on the 50 states.

Their teacher has enjoyed "Monster" meals once a week. They are all raring to go on to even bigger challenges in sixth grade.

On March 26, the fourth graders took a field trip to the Masonic Temple to hear the Jr. Tri-City Symphony. This year our fourth graders had the "best seats in the house."

The orchestra played a variety of songs, including some marches from different countries. When each march was played, they showed the flag of that country. At the end they had an E.T. presentation. They played the song "E.T." and had someone in an E.T. costume. They also created a space-like feeling by using a revolving ball of small mirrors which reflected colored lights. The audience went wild and started to clap.

And then the fourth graders went back to school. It was a good field trip.

John Lafferty
Kim Newmarch

A Trip to West Branch for 5 Blue

Thursday, May 9, the 5 Blue went on a field trip to West Branch, where Herbert Hoover was born and buried.

In West Branch we visited Herbert Hoover's Presidential Library where we saw a movie about what he was like in his past.

We visited where he was born. He was born in a small, two room cottage. Then we visited where Jesse Hoover worked, which was in a blacksmith shop.

At the end of our field trip we visited the Meeting House. The Meeting House was where they met for meetings and it was like a church to Quakers.

It was a fun and interesting trip for the 5 Blue. All of us learned a lot from it.

Amy Manley
Teresa West

5 Gold Goes to Iowa City

The fifth grade gold group went to Iowa City on May 6. First they visited the Museum of Natural History. In the museum there was an ostrich egg a little bigger than a softball.

After we were done visiting the museum we had an appointment to tour the Old Capitol. There was a reverse spiral staircase. All the window glass is original. When they measured the windows for shutters they found that all the windows were different sizes. There was a chandalier with 1,000 prisms and another with 750. There were lamps that would explode if you weren't careful with them.

We ate lunch at City Park.

Jodie Funk
Chad Snyder
Tom Paris

Fourth Grade Class News

As the school year draws to an end, we want to reflect upon our year in fourth grade.

We have really enjoyed the new reading series adopted by the district, and especially "Albert, The Running Bear", the series' mascot.

In language we worked with skills utilized in good writing, especially those in capitalization and punctuation. We made menues, travel posters, and class books of Haiku and dreams or wishful thinkings. The pre and post activities for our field trips were really fun. We did such things as creative dramatics, scrambled words, seek and finds, etc. We also had many challenging and neat activities in our learning centers.

Blue has won two spelling parties this year. There were three contests between Gold and Blue. Each went for the duration of 3 months. During this time each groups tried to get the most spelling stars. The class who was ahead got the party. A new contest then began. At this writing Blue and Gold are neck-to-neck in the last contest.

Our favorite book this year was Boxcar Children. Mrs. Kelding read it to us. This book was her favorite when she was in fourth grade, too.

Each of us has had fun filling our punch cards this year. Sometimes the whole class gets rewarded with "punches"--sometimes individuals. We get punches for such things as being extra courteous, doing super work, etc. We can turn them in for free assignments. We like getting "punched" now that we know what it means.

We have had a good year and worked hard. We look forward to summer vacation.

The sixth grade class would like to highlight several of the memorable events that happened this school year.

For most of the students, it was their first time to attend a dinner-theater. They saw the production of Hansel and Gretel at the Circa '21 Theater in Rock Island. It was a fun, educational, and enjoyable field trip.

In addition to the regular studies, the sixth grade students completed learning centers which were about South America, Soviet Union, and the United States government. When the Instructional Material Center was opened to all students, they were assigned either a reading activity or a creative writing activity in the Center rather than the learning centers in the classroom.

The research project was an in-depth study of a particular animal that correlated with the Ecology unit. After selecting the animal, the students took notes from many different sources, made an outline and final report, and then completed the project with a bibliography and a picture of the animal. This was the first research project for the students and they did an excellent job on this assignment.

Computers have been an intregal part of the second semester. Students have practiced their spelling words on the computer, worked on MECC and Microzine disks, and used a word processing program. In addition to the actual time on the computer, the students have learned about computers through the computer literacy course.

Some of the other activities the sixth grade students have participated in are: student council, safety patrol, school store keepers, lunchroom helpers, library helpers, and many others. Most of the students have taken their responsibilities seriously and have done a tremendous job this year. We will certainly miss them.

AEA 9 presented a puppet show, "Kids on the Block." This was an introduction to the unit which taught about the handicapped child. The students learned many new ways to communicate with a handicapped person.

The students had several marble parties. They earned marbles for good behavior, good papers, and showing improvement in their studes. After the students had earned 100 marbles, they chose the treat and activity for one class period which was organized by a committee of students.

6th Grade Quilt

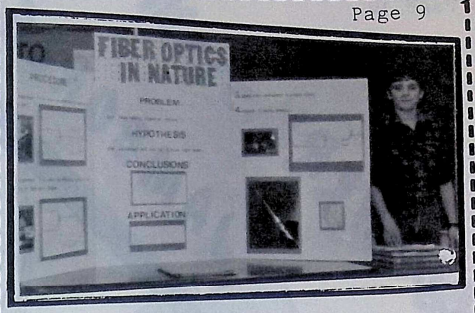
This spring some sixth graders, with the help of JoAnne Hammes, made a quilt. Any sixth grade student who wanted to could participate by making a square. They each took a piece of white material and used paint markers to make a picture.

The quilt will be hung in the hallway.

Jodee Gehrls
Jacque Hammes

Batiks

Ask a fifth or sixth grader from John Glenn "what's a batik?" and they will probably tell you that it's a long process. They learned this after completing a batik project in Art. Actually batik is a "resist" technique that has existed since the 1st and 2nd Centuries A.D. To make batiks, specific portions of fabric have melted wax applied. The waxed fabric is then dipped into or painted with wet dyes. The waxed areas repel or "resist" the dyes. Each time a new dye color is introduced on the fabric, portions of that color are waxed and held until the desired color scheme is achieved. The fifth and sixth graders used three waxings and dyeings in their batiks. By using yellow, red, and blue dyes the batiks had white, yellow, green or orange, and brown colors. When the dyes mixed on the fabric, new colors were made. All wax is them removed by ironing the fabric between papers.



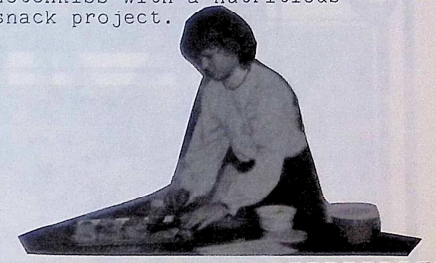
Science Projects

Each year during the third quarter, fifth and sixth graders present a science topic to their classmates. Each one prepares a topic in which they are interested and gives a 5-15 minute presentation. Time is allowed for questions by their classmates.

Their year's projects included many on nutrition, several on animals, and many showing how a scientific principle is used in our daily lives--such as barometers, vacuums, strobes, lasers, and jet propulsion.

Students look forward to hearing their classmates' projects. This also was a factor in the third quarter science grade.

Pictured are Aaron Corbin and his projects, Fiber Optics, which utilized a laser and Amy Hotchkiss with a nutritious snack project.



COUNTRY JAMBOREE

March 22, 1985

SALUTE

We salute:

Dixon
Donahue
Long Grove
Maysville

John Glenn
Ranch

Ya'll come back,
ya hear!

PTO Supports Our School

We owe a great deal of thanks to the John Glenn PTO for the willing and generous support they bestow upon our school.

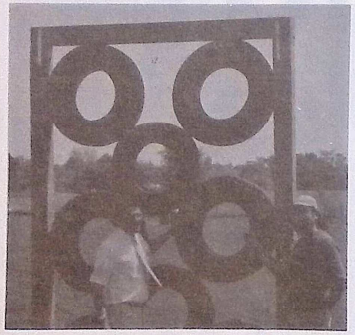
In the fall the PTO sponsored a chili supper. Proceeds from the supper pay for many special programs and activities throughout the year. Without the PTO we would not have the Halloween parade, Christmas movie and treats, Valentine Dance, Ecology Day, and school newspaper to name a few.

This year the PTO placed special emphasis on a Stranger Danger program. Officer Kobel worked with them to present a program to all students. There was also a program for parents. Chris Henzen and Mary Lou Engler video taped all students. The purpose was to have a record of each child and their voice in case of an emergency. They plan to update the tape every year.

Another special project his year is new playground equipment. Ken Schoenthaler and Paul Shimp, along with other parents, are building the equipment.

Staff members were treated to a delicious appreciation dinner the day of spring conferences.

We, the students and staff of John Glenn, want to give a special thanks to not only the PTO officers but to ALL parents who have so generously supported our school this past year.



Children's Literature Festival

Four students from our school went to Moline for this Festival. They were Amy Hotchkiss, Jodie Funk, Beth Maxwell, and Josh DePover. Mrs. Tobin accompanied us. Some of the many authors there were Violet Olsen, Marjabelle Steward, Mary Kay Phelen, and David Collins. There was also an illustrator. They told us about writing books. We could buy books and have the authors autograph them.

It was a neat day. I think Marjabelle Steward was the best. She was very enthusiastic.

Jodie Funk

Student Council

Library Helpers

JOHN GLENN'S

CLASS OF '85'

Jean Filson

Angie Siebke

Mrs. Braunschweig

Mrs. Erps

Traci Hutson

Jennette Barrios

Cindy Yates

Sarah Rathje

Donna Noel

Ronnie Trettin

Jeff Keppy

Aaron Corbin

Lynn Kling

Tonya O'Callaghan

Jay Kahley

Stephanie Riceman

Jennifer McGimpsey

Dan Lafrenz

Dennis Carr

Doug Loussaert

Ron Knoche

Larry Thein

Jacque Hammes

Tenley Murphy

Jodie Gehris

Layne Marti

Troy Murphy

Angie Peel

NORTH SCOTT'S

CLASS OF '91'

Mr. Ragona

Mr. Garrington

Josh Phelps

Amy Hotchkiss

Jennifer Lund

Beth Moore

Lisa Gradin

Heather Towers

Kyle Schulz

Adam Terry

Molly O'Brien

Tony Meyer

Russell Kraklio

Russell Lorenz

Pat Garrett

Jennifer Henzen

Mike Furan

Barbie Petersen

Brandi Albers

Sandy Manley

John Peterson

Martin Costello

Nathan Jones

Chad Stinson

Stephanie Dyson

Rob Hovey

Jennifer Drummond

Lisa Smith

6th Will and Testament

I, Mike Furan, will my shortness to Stephanie Risius.

I, Russell Lorenz, will my tallness to Corey Reese.

I, Heather Towers, will my braces to Melissa Lager.

I, Nathan Jones, will my strength and intelligence to the whole fifth grade, on the condition that I can keep half of it.

I, Stephanie Riceman, will my learning centers to Angie Ohl.

I, Beth Moore, will all my homework to Connie Moore, my running skills to Kim Moore.

I, Chad Stinson, will my muscles to Randy Peel.

I, Barbie Petersen, will my shortness to anyone who wants it.

J, Stephany Dyson, will my stereo to Shanell Dyson.

I, Cindy Yates, will be tallness to Kerre Shirey.

I, Scott Richard, will my speed to Melissa Lager.

I, Sarah Rathje, will my strongness to Mr. Arentson.

I, Lynn Kling, will my little sister Laura to Ryan Iossi.

I, Molly O'Brien, will my tallness to Amy Manley.

I, Kyle Schulz, will my sense of humor to all the teachers.

I, Jenny Henzen, will my blond hair to Mrs. Braunschweig.

I, Angie Peel, will my homework to my brother Randy Peel.

I, Troy Murphy, will my black hair to Kirk Golinghorst.

I, Doug Loussaert, will my keenness to Kirk Golinghorst.

I, Donna Noel, will my patrol belt and helmet to Cindy Loussaert.

I, Ron Knocke, will my computer skills to Gerrod Andresen.

I, Adam Terry, will my sense of humor to Mr. Garrington.

I, Jacque Hammes, will my good looks to Kelli Hammes.

I, Tenley Murphy, will my shortness to Stephanie Risius.

I, Jodee Gehris, will my height to Tina Hutson.

I, Jennifer McGimpsey, will my blond hair to Mrs. Braunschweig.

I, Van Lafrenz, will my teachers to Kirk Golinghorst.

I, Layne Marti, will my ability to do pull-ups to Nealon Marti.

I, Tonya O'Callaghan, will my homework to Shawn O'Callaghan.

I, Lisa Gradin, will my curly hair to Mr. Garrington.

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I, Amy Hotchkiss, will my homework to Jenny Schnoor.

I, Jennette Barrios, will my blubber to Lonnie Kling and my tallness to Michel Moore.

I, Jenny Drummond, will my tallness to Tina Hutson.

I, Robbie Hovey, will my hair to Mr. McQuary.

I, Tony Meyer, will my hair to Mr. McQuary.

I, Angie Siebke, will my basketball skills to Mr. McQuary.

I, Russell Kraklio, will my tallness to Michel Moore.

I, Martin Costello, will my wrestling shoes to Jeff Yates.

I, John Peterson, will my basketball skill to Korey Schulz.

I, Aaron Corbin, will my ability to get cut and bitten by unforeseen dangers to Tom Paris.

I, Jeff Keppy give my distance running ability to Korey Schulz.

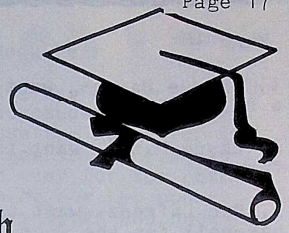
I, Ron Trettin, will my tallness to Derek Carr.

I, Jean Filson, will my unluckiness to Mr. Mc.Quary.

I, Lisa Smith, will all my homework to Cindy Loussaert.

I, Sandy Manley, will my experience to my sister Amy.

I, Traci Hutson, will my baton to Cindy Loussaert.



6th PROPHECIES

I, Lisa Gradin, want to be a vet.

I, Tony Meyer, want to be a famous football player.

I, Jennette Barrios, want to be a horse trainer.

I, Beth Moore, want to be a writer.

I, Jenny Drummond, will hopefully be in college or have a job as a lawyer.

I,Robbie Hovey, would like to own the Budweiser Company.

I, Barbie Petersen, want to be a cartoonist.

I, Martin Costello, am going to be a farmer.

I, Chad Stinson, want to be a scientist.

I, Stephanie Riceman, want to be a flight attendant.

I, Angie Siebke, want to be a pharmacist.

I, Ron Trettin, want to play basketball or baseball professionally.

I, Jacque Hammes, want to be a hair stylist.

I, Layne Marti, want to be a farmer.

I, Dan Lafrenz, want to play baseball for the Cubs.

I, Troy Murphy, want to be a football player.

I, Angie Peel, want to be a secretary at Montgomery Elevator.

I, Tonya O'Callaghan, want to be a lawyer or a basketball player.

I, Kyle Schulz, want to play basketball for the L.A. Lakers.

I, Jennifer Henzen, want to be a teacher.

I, Doug Loussaert, want to go to college and become an astronomer.

I, Cindy Yates, want to be a nurse, get married, and have 4 children.

I, Russ Kraklio, want to be a wrestler.

I, Aaron Corbin, want to be a marine biologist.

I, John Peterson, want to be a basketball player.

I, Stephany Dyson, want to be a teacher.

I, Sandy Manley, want to be a scientist or doctor.

I, Traci Hutson, want to be a science teacher.

I, Mike Furan, want to be an inventor.

I, Jean Filson, want to be a scientist, doctor, or astronomer.

I, Jeff Keppy, want to be a pro basketball player or marathon runner.

I, Lisa Smith, want to be a dancer or fashion model.

I, Heather Towers, want to be an x-ray technician.

I, Russ Lorenz, want to be a technician.

I, Nathan Jones, want to be a robot repair person or a scientist.

I, Josh Phelps, want to be a veterinarian.

I, Molly O'Brien want to be Jacque Hammes' hair model.

I, Scott Richard, want to be a sports player.

I, Donna Noel, want to go to college and become a nurse and get married.

I, Lynn Kling, want to be a secretary.

I, Sarah Rathje, want to be a biologist or hair stylist.

I, Jodee Gehrls, want to be a teacher.

I, Jennifer McGimpsey, want to be a day care manager.

I, Amy Hotchkiss, want to be a lawyer.

I, Adam Terry, want to be an actor or doctor.

I, Ron Knocke, want to be a doctor.

I, Tenley Murphy, want to be a lawyer.

Media Month

April was School Library Media Month and our school recognized it in several ways. First, library trivia questions were asked during announcements every morning the week of April 22-26. Whoever came up first with the correct answer got a bag of popcorn. They asked questions in two different age groups--3-6 grades and K-2.

Our school also sponsored a bookmark and poster contest. There were lots of winners. Winning bookmarks were printed for everyone and posters placed in the halls for all to see.

It was fun celebrating School Library Media Month.

Jacque Hammes
Sarah Rathje

Book Fair

April 15-19 was an exciting week for the students in John Glenn because the books for the Book Fair came in. The books ranged from easy for the primary grades to hard for the upper grades. Many books and bookmarks were purchased by students.

Stephanie Dyson
Jenny Drummond

Math Bee

On April 18, Sandy Manley, Jeff Keppy, Jacque Hammes, Molly O'Brien, and alternate Amy Hotchkiss went to the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds to a Math Bee. John Glenn was one of the 66 schools there.

Out of all 264 kids there, Sandy ranked 24th, Jacque 25th, and Molly 26th. Jeff's ranking was not available.

Mr. Garrington was the sponsor for our school.

Jacque Hammes

WELCOME, SENIOR CITIZENS

On March 1, students welcomed about 60 senior citizens to John Glenn School, not as students, but as guests. The event, planned by Ken Schoenthaler and Marilyn Juhl (members of the Community Education Advisory Council) and John Glenn school officials, was and effort to get senior citizens involved in the school system.

Guests arrived on school buses, which was a new experience for many. A program was held in the gym for guests and students. After a movie depicting life in a one-room school, Roy Curtis, Ellenor Connell, Edna Spies, and Mel Heiler related their own experiences as teachers. They also showed students some of the "tools of the trade" from their teaching era. Students asked many interesting questions. When asked if naughty children had to sit in the corner with a "DUNCE" hat on, none of the panelists ever remembered that happening.

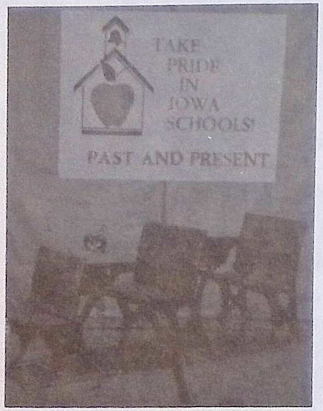
Edna Spies was honored as "Senior Citizen of the Week" and presented with a bouquet. Edna, a former teacher, has been actively involved in community activities thoughout her life. She has also presented various programs to John Glenn students in the past.

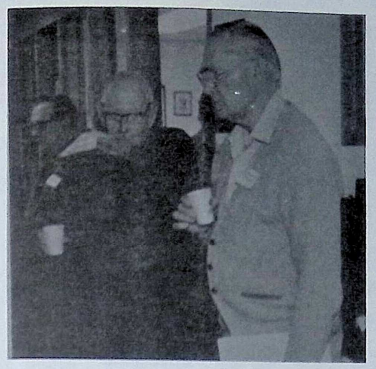
After the program, guests were given a tour of the school and sat in on some classes. They ate lunch with the students and then boarded the buses for home.

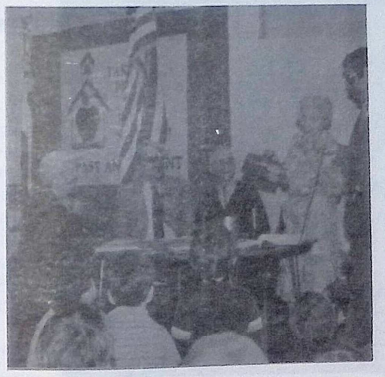
The young learned from the old and the old learned from the young. It would be very difficult to say which group--the guests or the students--enjoyed the day the most.

Senior citizens are really neat people.

Jodie Funk





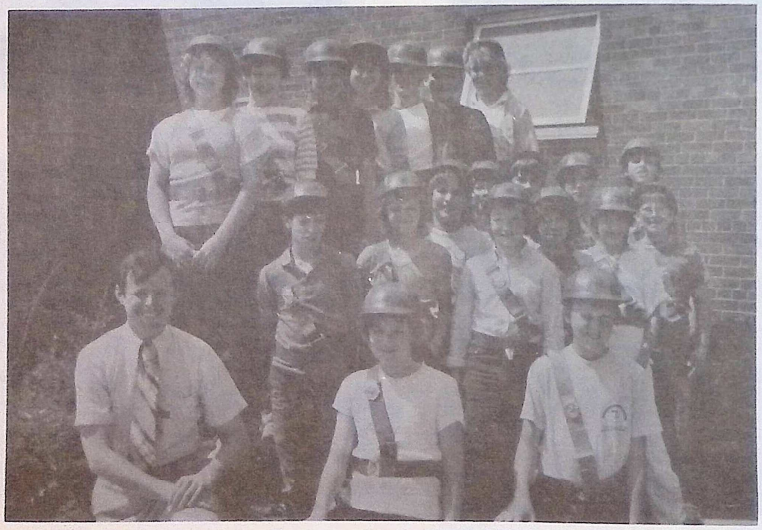


Patrol

This year's patrol consisted of 20 people. The Captain was Jeff Keppy, Lieutenant, Angie Peel, and Supervisor, Mr. Garrington. They all had a real great time as patrol personnel. Soon they will be thinking about training the 5th graders and planning for a party.

We are sure that Mr. G. will remember this group as the best patrol he has ever had!

Jodee Gehrls
Tenley Murphy



Christmas was near. In the hall a tree was being fluttered with gifts--no toy cars, dolls, or transformers--but something more meaningful. The gifts were for our friends and neighbors both far and near. Canned goods were collected for food pantries in our own area and money collected for UNICEF was headed to Ethiopia for food and medical supplies.

Students in Mrs. Carlson's and Mr. Arentson's classes donated cookies, decorated them, and then sold them to collect money for UNICEF.

During opening exercises the last day of school before Christmas, we saw slides of starving children typical of those we were helping in Ethiopia. Our gifts of love were then presented as the song "Do They Know It's Christmas?" as played. Then we all sang "One Hundred Children" together.

Having felt we had shared of ourselves, we were ready for the day's festivities. We saw the movie "Blackbeard's Ghost", drank pop, ate popcorn, and had fun, fun, fun.

But we knew the real meaning of Christmas was helping someone in our country or in another country.

Beth Moore
Jenny Drummond

Marc Brown

November 27 was a special day for our students. We were pleased to have Marc Brown visit our school. Brown, a widely-known children's author, features Authur the Aardvark, Francine, and Buster in his "Authur" books. All his characters are people he knows.

During the assembly Brown showed some slides of his family and where he lives and works. His two sons, Tucker and Tolan, give Brown lots of ideas for his books. He hides their names in the pictures of the books for readers to find.

Marc then drew a large make believe animal featuring a combination of many different animals suggested by students. This animal now resides in the Media Center.

Students who had purchased Authur books earlier in the year had the rare opportunity for Marc Brown to personally autograph each one.

After meeting Marc Brown, we know he truly loves children and writing for them. We will not forget meeting Marc Brown.

Beth Moore
Jenny Drummond

Ronald McDonald

Ronald McDonald visited our school on April 19. He came to talk about safety. All the kids enjoyed his magic acts and the balloon animals he made. It was a fun way to learn about safety and a great way to start our morning. We were unhappy when he had to leave and we had to go to class.

Traci Hutson

Ecology Day

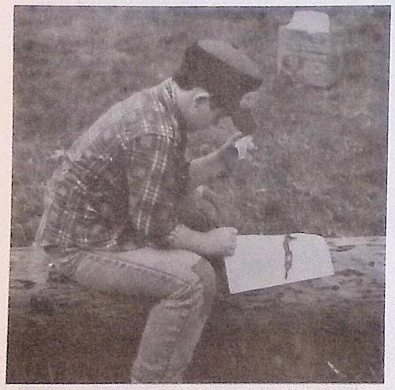
Friday, May 3 was our 15th annual Ecology Day. All students at John Glenn were invited to have fun-filled day at Camp Minneyata. Some of the volunteer helpers were Nancy Pope, Mrs. LuAnne Thompson, Chuck Wester, Lonnie Miller, Howard Cronkleton, Mrs. Howard Jones, Mrs. Tonya Urbatsch, and Peter Petersen.

We want to thank these helpers, as well as the mothers who cleaned the camp kitchen the Wed. before and those who made a delicious lunch on Ecology Day.

Without the willingness of these people, our Ecology Day would be impossible.

Everyone had a good time and we hope will always respect nature.

Sarah Rathje
Tenley Murphy



Valentine's Dance

This year for Valentine's Day we had a disc jockey from Davenport come.
He brought his own set up of colored lights. He played rock-n-roll music. Third through sixth graders participated in the dance. Most kids dressed up in red and white. There was a breakdancing contest. The teachers chaperoned and everyone had a real great time.

Jodee Gehrls
Tenley Murphy

Hawaii Hawkeye Day

On Dec. 1 the Iowa Hawkeye football team played in Hawaii. The day before the game, Nov. 30, our school had a Hawaii Hawkeye Day, when everyone dressed up in Hawkeye clothes. Our spirit must have brought them good luck, because, fortunately, they won!

Jacque Hammes

Field Days

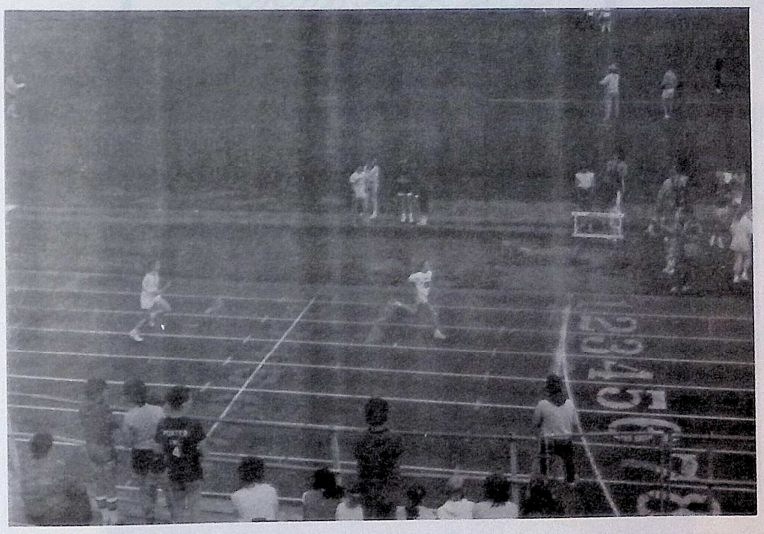
This year 4th, 5th, and 6th graders went to the high school in hopes of bringing home all blue ribbons from Field Days.

Mr. McQuary and the other P.E. teachers from the other schools, along with homeroom teachers, ran the events. The principals supervised and announced the days' events from the press box.

There were events for all students. Included are: many running races, football throw, water ballon toss, 3-legged race, tire roll, standing broad jump, and a tug-of-war to name a few.

We all loved taking part in the events even though not everyone brought home a blue ribbon.

Jodee Gehrls
Sarah Rathje



Young Writers' Conference

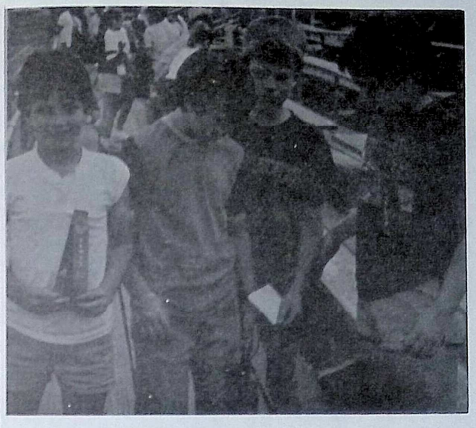
This spring twelve students represented our school at the Young Writers' Conference at Marycrest College. They were Nicole Peekenschneider, Christy Friederichs, Alissa Oetzmann, Amber Pewe, Amy Byrd, Lyda Prizler, Jennifer Noel, Jeff Zapf, Korey Schulz, Mark Syemkus, Sandy Manley, and Beth Moore.

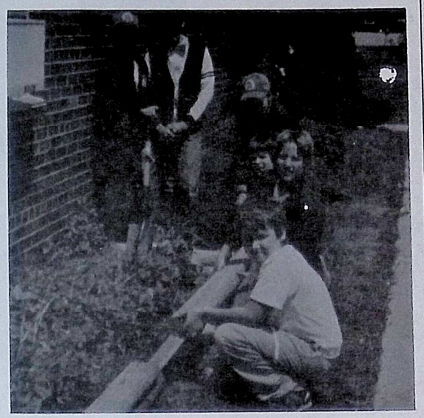
All of us took a book we had written and published. There were three sessions. Throughout the morning we shared our books with other area students, watched a puppet show, and attended a session of our own choice. For lunch we went to Happy Joe's.

We want to thank Mrs. Joy Peekenschneider and Mrs. Kelding for taking us. I had a great time and hope the others did, too.

Beth Moore

Counting ribbons





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